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Rescue Mission

ZANZIBAR INTRIGUE — By
Van Wyck Mason; Doubleday;
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Col. Hugh North, the Man from G2, plays an important role in "Zanzibar Intrigue" his readers have followed him through years of daring exploits as Lt. North and then as Capt. North. Now he has begun to admit his age and even shies away from getting too deeply involved in the fair sex. However, in "Zanzibar Intrigue" he is attracted by two rather alluring ladies and he interests them enough to obtain the information he needs. He still remains the intrepid Colonel of Military Intelligence, quick with the gun, fearless in his pursuit of the Commies, and ready to take on any dangerous assignment.

Col. North is sent on a mission to rescue an American C.I.A. agent, one Willie Bonhart, a young Negro from north Florida and a former truck driver who had worked his way up through the army from master sergeant to sergeant major of the Military Police and had disappeared over the Berlin Wall. Everyone believed he had become one of the most hated traitors, a second Benedict Arnold. Col. North had three days to complete his mission. In reality Bonhart was a hero. He went as an operative of Central Intelligence, a counter intelligence agent whose end would be swift if the Reds discovered he was a fake defector.

Even before Col. North's plane left London for Nairobi a strange accident happened which alerted him to the danger of his mission. Next the hotel proprietor who was his contact in Zanzibar was mysteriously murdered. He and his aide, Lt. Trotter, met up with some strange characters, especially Mnoyah, a former Mau Mau terrorist leader.

The African background is extremely well portrayed and the events sound as authentic as those one reads in the daily paper. All in all it is a thriller and Col. Hugh North was never better.

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